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AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES INFORMATION NOTES

ACCESSING AGRICULTURAL STATISTICAL RESOURCES FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU

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A Librarians seminar was given by the Bureau of the Census, User Training Branch on accessing statistical resources from the Census Bureau and other selected agencies, November 17-20, 1980, at the Suitland Federal Center, Suitland, Md. Chief Moderator was Mac Palmer assisted by Cathy Clark, Martha Wyeth, and Ann Crispin. Information from the lectures which pertained directly to agriculture is summarized in this article.

LECTURE SUMMARIES

CENSUS GEOGRAPHY. An understanding of the terms used with the various tables, charts, and maps, is dependent on an understanding of the terminology. The class was introduced to such descriptors as SMSA (or) the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (which is an integrated economic and social unit with a recognized large population nucleus), CBD or Central Business Districts (defined as the downtown retail trade areas of an SMSA central city, or other city of 50,000 or more persons, and Census Tracts - defined as subdivision of metropolitan areas into neighborhood-like units.

1980 CENSUS. Information for the Census was derived either from questions asked of the entire population or questions asked of a sample of the population. Questions asked about every person or housing unit are called 100% or complete count questions. Questionnaires were sent to

households and all households were asked to answer the complete-count questions, but only a sample were asked to answer the supplementary sample questions. Plans for the sample part of the census called for asking the sample questions at only one household in every six for most of the country. Some of the data items collected from the 1980 census include: *Population items* - household relationship, sex, race, age, marital status, etc. *Housing items* - number of housing units at address, number of rooms in a unit, value of home, etc.

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE. This census provides a periodic statistical picture of the nation's agriculture. Taken every 10 years from 1840 to 1920 and every five years for 1925 through 1974, it is now undergoing a reference year change. Two 4-year censuses, taken for 1978 and 1982, will adjust the

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data-reference year to coincide with the censuses of business and industry for 1982. Thereafter, the agriculture census will revert to a 5-year cycle. It currently reports data on agricultural production, resources, and inventories for every county, state, and region of the United States, and for the nation. It provides the only set of uniform agricultural data at the county level. The 1974 Census not only included farms in the 50 states but also in Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

The 1969 and 1974 censuses were taken by mail; most prior censuses were conducted by personal interview. The 1978 census was taken by a combination of both. The 1979 *Census of Horticultural Specialties* provides data on farms growing nursery or greenhouse products, mushrooms, or pod. Three additional reports (based on small-scale samples from 1978 census) deal with farm finance, on-farm irrigation, and the use of energy on farms.

For 1978, the principal categories of data collected in the 50 states were: acreage, crops, fruit and nut production, vegetables, nursery and greenhouse products, value of sales, land use, irrigation, organization, livestock and poultry, animal specialties, characteristics and occupation of operator, foreign ownership of farmland in U.S., use of fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals, selected production expenditures, expenditures for energy, machinery and equipment, market value of land and building.

A product of each Census are the following publications which are published over a period of several years at the conclusion of the Census:

Preliminary Reports - Prior to publication of the final census figures, a

separate 4 page report for each county in the U.S. with 10 or more farms was released giving statistical highlights on basic data items, along with comparable data for 1974. An eight-page preliminary report was published for each state. For agricultural services, a preliminary two-page state report was issued showing the number of agricultural service establishments, gross receipts, and payroll.

Final Summary Volumes. Volume I. State and County Data. A separate report is published for each of the 50 states and for the United States, by state. Volume I reports were published for Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. Each of the State reports is divided into four chapters: (1) thirty-two tables showing detailed data at the state level, (2) 32 tables of selected data for counties and the state organized by subject, (3) 15 tables of detailed data for each county.

Volume II. Statistics by Subject. This report presents statistics by subject, for the U.S. regions, geographic divisions, and states.

Volume III. Agricultural Services This volume covers agricultural service establishments at the U.S., state, and county level.

Volume IV. Special Reports. This is a series of reports including the "Procedural History Coverage Evaluation, Ranking Counties and States, and the Graphic Summary." The latter offers a profile of the nation's agricultural system in a series of U.S. maps, a number of which are printed in color.

INFORMATION SOURCES

Information Sources: A copy of the latest "Telephone Contacts for Data Users" may be obtained by calling (301) 449-1645 or writing the Users
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AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATES OF THE
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY, INC.

Three special awards will be made to nominated outstanding recipients in the agricultural library community by the Associates of the National Agricultural Library, Inc. at their annual meeting in the summer of 1981.

The Associates will honor outstanding performance in three different categories. Those honored must be nominated for this special attention by their exceptional contributions to the improvement of the agricultural library system and its literature.

The three categories are: (1) PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for any published contribution to library literature or meritorious accomplishment in the library science fields. *Eligibility:* Open to scientists, researchers, librarians, professional societies, business, and Associates NAL, Inc.

(2) CITATION OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION for special achievement and/or service given to the National Agricultural Library, to other agricultural libraries, or significant achievements leading to the advancement of the library science field. *Eligibility:* Open to concerned individuals and organizations and businesses in the agricultural field, TIS staff, and the Associates NAL, Inc.



The Award takes the form of a bronze medallion.

(3) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD recognizes and encourages meritorious performance exceeding job requirements at the National Agricultural Library. *Eligibility:* Open to all members of the Technical Information Systems staff.


All nominations should be mailed not later than May 31, 1981, to Ms. Barbara Williams Jenkins, Box 1565, South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115. Each nomination should include the following information: (1) Name of the award for which the candidate is proposed, (2) a brief statement of the basis of the nomination and, where appropriate, a bibliography which supports the nomination.

The Associates NAL, Inc. seek your participation and interest. 

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Training Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Census of Agriculture information can be obtained by contacting Mary Burch, Bureau of the Census, Agriculture Division at (301) 763-1113.

Information on the Training Seminars conducted at various locations throughout the county during the year may be obtained from the Users Training Branch (address and telephone number given above). 

SEAM



SURFACE ENVIRONMENT AND MINING

The Surface Environment and Mining Program, known as SEAM, was established by the Forest Service to research, develop, and apply new technology to help maintain a quality environment while helping meet the Nation's mineral requirements. SEAM is a partnership of researchers, land managers, mining industries, universities, and political jurisdictions at all levels. A series of guides and an alerting service provide current data to these users.

MINERAL USER GUIDES


The U.S. Government's holdings of resources of coal, oil, shale, uranium, geothermal steam, oil and gas, as well as metallic minerals are among the most significant in the world. Decisions as to the appropriate use and balance of mineral and nonmineral resources requires adequate information about, and analysis of, all values involved. SEAM sponsored more than 150 research and development projects between 1973 and 1979 relating to the management of land in mineralized areas. To disseminate information on the results of these investigations in an appropriate form, SEAM brought together in a series of workshops researchers and users from industry, Federal agencies, and the

academic community. Information presented in these workshops has been organized into user guides. Cross-referencing among the guides is provided in the index of each. To obtain free copies of these guides write: Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, USDA Forest Service, 507 25th St., Ogden, UT 84401. *User Guide to Engineering Mining and Reclamation in the West* (General Technical Report INT-70) *User Guide to Hydrology* (General Technical Report INT-74) *User Guide to Sociology and Economics* (General Technical Report INT-73) *User Guide to Soils* (General Technical Report INT-68) *User Guide to Vegetation* (General Technical Report INT-64).

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SEAMALERT

SEAMALERT is a bibliographic record to published materials relating to surface mining, mineral economics, mineral extraction technology and the environment health and safety aspects of surface mining. The information is of interest to land managers, regional planners, mining industries and political jurisdictions at all levels.

SEAMALERT is computer produced with current information derived from the technical literature as well as automated computer searches of pertinent computer files from the Department of Energy's RECON and Lockheed's DIALOG systems. It represents a composite of pertinent information from diverse sources drawn into a single integrated file. Inquiries may be directed to SEAMALERT, Mine Reclamation Center, 845 N. Park Avenue, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85719. See *Agricultural Libraries Information Notes* 3 (9): 7. September 1977 for an earlier article on SEAMALERT. 

1978 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE DATA USER CONFERENCE

co-sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau
Illinois State University
College of Continuing Education & Public Service

Wednesday, April 1, 1981 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
at the Illinois Farm Bureau Building, 1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, Illinois

Fee: \$12.00 includes conference materials, coffee and rolls
and lunch

Sign-up deadline: March 25, 1981 to the College of Continuing
Education & Public Service

For more information contact:

Mrs. Rue E. Olson, Illinois Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 2901,
Bloomington, IL 61701, tel. (309) 557-2550

-or-

Dr. Vernon C. Pohlman, Department of Sociology, Illinois State
University, Normal, IL 61761, Tel. (309) 438-2387

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The conference will focus on the use of data products of the 1978 Census of Agriculture, but related subjects will also be discussed. Among other topics are the current statistical programs of the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, description of significant agricultural trends and anticipated changes in data collected and method of collection for the 1982 Census of Agriculture. The program will include speakers from the Agriculture Division of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the Illinois Cooperative Crop Reporting Service, University of Illinois, A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company and others.



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Kejuruteraan Pertanian Dalam Pembangunan Negara: Sebuah Bibliografi (Agricultural Engineering in National Development: A Bibliography). Prepared in cooperation with Persidangan Antarabangsa Kejuruteraan Pertanian Dalam Pembangunan Negara and Universiti Pertanian Malaysia. Serdang, Selangor, Perpustakaan, Universiti Pertanian Malaysia. September 1979. 50 p. Approx. 774 citations. Price unavailable. (NAL call no.: Z5074.E6K4).

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 Materials: 1980 Listing.* (Washington,
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 Michigan State University, East
 Lansing, MI 48824.

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 Beth Walter Honadle. For information
 contact: Judith Latham, ESS/IS/RIB,
 Room 1658 South Bldg., U.S. Dept. of
 Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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 Hewlette S. Crawford, Jr. and Daniel T.
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 Mary Buchanan, Editor, USDA, Forest
 Service/NE, 370 Reed Road, Broomall,
 PA 19008. 

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 a series of bibliographies prepared by
 the Technical Library of the Tennessee
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 Publisher, Muscle Shoals, AL 35660.
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The bibliographies in this series are primarily computerized online or batch bibliographies emanating from searches performed by the TIS Reference Staff in response to customer requests.

Searches are selected for inclusion based on the currency of the topic, interest among clientele, relative length (approximately 150 citations or more) and probable value to a larger audience. All titles in this series will be listed for six months. Revisions or updates will be re-numbered and reannounced. Only one copy of a title will be sent; however, requestors may make copies. To request a copy of a Quick Bibliography send the title, series number, and a return addressed label to:

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NEWS NOTES



BIOSIS TRUSTEES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The BIOSIS Board of Trustees recently announced the results of the annual elections of officers and members of the board for 1981.

Effective January 1, 1981, Clement L. Markert, Yale University, will serve a one-year term as Chairman, and Robert O. Nesheim, Quaker Oats Company, as Vice Chairman. Norman R. French, Colorado State University, was re-elected Secretary. Eugene L. Hess, Potomac, MD was elected to a third term as Treasurer.

In addition to the above officers, the Executive Committee for 1981 includes Robert A. Erkins, Bliss, ID and Gordon R. Williams, Flossmoor, IL.

Robert O. Nesheim and Rita R. Colwell, University of Maryland were re-elected for their second three-year terms on the board. Two new members elected to three-year terms on the BIOSIS Board of Trustees are Dr. Frank B. Golley, University of Georgia, and Dr. Arthur C. Gentile, American Institute of Biological Sciences.

Contact: Edward L. Johnson, 2100 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) L08-4016.

1980 EDITION OF SERIAL SOURCES FOR THE BIOSIS DATABASE

Orders for BIOSIS' 1980 list of serials, entitled *Serial Sources for the BIOSIS Data Base*, are now being accepted. The new edition, which will be current through December 1981, is an alphabetic listing of all journals, review annuals, and reports monitored presently and in the past by BIOSIS to produce its printed and machine-readable products.

Updated annually to include new, changed, and ceased titles, this latest edition includes 408 newly covered publications, representing 156 additional publishers. Of the 14,922 total entries, 8934 represent current, active serial publications examined by BIOSIS, 4568 are archival entries (titles ceased or changed, but included for their reference value), and 1420 are cross references.

Each listing includes title, title abbreviation, CODEN, country of origin, publisher, and journal frequency information. The abbreviated title/full title format allows quick identification of search results from either machine readable or printed forms of the data base.

FEDERAL DATABASES INSTITUTE

The 1981 institute on Federal Databases: Identification, Evaluation and Access will be held at The American University in Washington. D.C., June 10 & 11.

The fee for the institute is \$190, which includes materials to be distributed and box lunches.


Contact: Lowell H. Hattery, Center for Technology and Administration, The American University, Washington, D.C. 20016, (202) 686-2514.



NETWORK DELIVERY OF CITIZENS INFORMATION THROUGH LIBRARIES

The Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science announces receipt of a \$56,888.00 contract awarded by the Office of Library and Learning Technology, U.S. Department of Education to determine criteria of effectiveness for network delivery of citizens information through libraries.

This contracted study is a natural extension of, and builds upon a previous study "A Regional Investigation of Citizens' Information Needs in New England" (USOE Grant #G007900537). It will provide vital baseline data which can assist national, regional, state, and local organizations in determining the ultimate design and performance of library information networks which are sensitive to the information needs of the people.


Contact: Ching-chih Chen, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115.
(617) 738-2224. 



THE RESEARCH LIBRARIES GROUP

LeMoyne Anderson, Director of Libraries for Colorado State University, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Research Libraries Group (RLG).

"The year ahead will be an exciting one for RLG," Anderson commented during an informal lunch given by the staff of Johns Hopkins' Milton S. Eisenhower Library between meetings on October 29. "I believe we will look back to 1981 as our watershed year, when our reconfigured data base and our new RLIN II system will enable us to begin to move ahead collectively and individually, as member-owners of RLG, toward the refinement of our programs in collection management and development, shared resources and preservation."

The Research Libraries Group, a corporation owned and operated by its 23 member institutions, was created in 1974 to find solutions to the double problem of dwindling budgets and expanding demand faced by research libraries. Through its four programs - Shared Resources, Collection Management and Development, Preservation and the Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN), the online bibliographic tool that forms the basis for the other programs - the consortium is working to create solutions that will enable research institutions to make use of the improvements wrought by the information revolution. 



AGRICULTURE DATEBOOK



May 4-8: *American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, Inc., Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, Calif. Contact: Hadley Osborn, Director, Filoli Center, Canada Rd., Woodside, CA 94062. Telephone: (415) 364-8300.

May 5-8: *Horticultural Libraries. 13th Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, Calif. Contact: Jane Gates, Librn., Strybing Arboretum Society, 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA 94122. Telephone: (415) 661-1316.

May 28-29: *Seminar on the Economics of Secondary Information*. Atlanta, Ga. Atlanta Hilton. Contact: NFAIS, 112 South 16th St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

May 31-June 4: *American Society of Biological Chemists*. St. Louis, Mo. Contact: S.K. Herlitz Inc., 850 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022.

June 14-19: *American Society for Photobiology. 9th Annual Scientific Meeting*. Williamsburg, Va. Contact: Richard J. Burk, Jr., 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 506, Bethesda, MD 20014.

June 15-24: *XIV International Grassland Congress*. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. Contact: John E. Baylor, Agricultural Science Center, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546.

June 18-22: *American Association of Nurseryman*. Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact: Robert F. Lederer, 230 Southern Building, Washington, D.C. 20005.

June 21-26: *International Symposium on Flavins and Flavoproteins*. 7th. Ann Arbor, Mich. Contact: Vincent Massey, Dept. of Biological Chemistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

June 19: *USDA Agency Field Libraries Meeting*. Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Leila Moran, Educational Resources Div., TIS/SEA/USDA, NAL Bldg., Beltsville, MD 20760. Telephone: (301) 344-3837.

July 13-17: *Conference on Food Microbiology*. Society for Applied Microbiology. Bristol, U.K. Contact: R.W.A. Park, Microbiology Dept. University of Reading, London Road, Reading, England RG1 5AQ.

July 26-30: *American Society of Animal Science*. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C. Contact: David C. England, Oregon State University, Animal Science Department, Corvallis, OR 97330.

August 2-6: *American Phytopathological Society*, New Orleans, La. Contact: R. J. Tarleton, APS, 3340 Pilot Knob Rd., St. Paul, MN 55121.

August 16-21: *International Congress on Nutrition. XII*. San Diego, Calif. Contact: Administrative Secretariat, XII. Int'l. Congress on Nutrition, 1629 K St., N.W., Suite 706, Washington, D.C. 20006.



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